

## ROCK ISLAND NOW IN THREE I, SAYS BASEBALL COURT

National Commission Orders Central Association Not to Occupy Territory With Team.

### TENER DISSENTS FROM VERDICT

Majority Decision Is to Effect That Whole Circuit Would Suffer by Another League Coming In.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 3.—The Central association was ordered not to operate with the city of Rock Island in its circuit by the national commission in a finding promulgated yesterday afternoon. In making this decision the ruling of the national association in this controversy, which was between the Central association and the Three Eye league, was overruled. The commission likewise was partly divided on the subject. President Tener of the National league dissented from the majority ruling signed by Chairman Herrmann of the commission and President Johnson of the American league.

The majority finding was based on the fact that Rock Island was originally Three Eye league territory, and that in surrendering its territorial rights, even if it did not operate a team in Rock Island, the Three Eye league is being injured.

The majority finding in this regard says: "Moline and Davenport, which have Three Eye league franchises, are each less than five miles from Rock Island, and hence their territorial prerogative cannot be infringed upon without subjecting them to liability to serious damage in their property rights."

"Injury to every club in the Three Eye league is possible if the Central association should be permitted to operate within five miles of Davenport and Moline because of the competition that will result."

In dissenting President Tener's minority report said: "To find for the appellants in this case is to say in effect that any league possessed of territorial rights under circumstances similar to those presented in this case has a vested right in perpetuity; cannot by any overt act, neither by its officially pledged words so do, nor anything conceivable, vacate and abandon such territory, but at its caprice, will and pleasure may or may not operate such territory, even to the extreme hardship, unfairness, and injustice to the citizens residing within the limits of such territory."

**Out in Cold Again.**  
After being given permission by the national board of arbitration, the highest minor league baseball body in the country, to operate in Rock Island, President Mel Justice of the Central association again finds himself out in the cold, as far as this territory is concerned. The ruling yesterday marks the second occasion on which Justice was ordered out of Rock Island. In one of those rare cases in minor league ball the national commission, the highest court of baseball, undertook to overrule the national board of arbitration in the matter. The decision was reached by a mail vote, Ben Johnson, president of the American league, and Garry Hermann, chairman of the commission, voting in favor of the Three Eye league, while President Tener of the National league sought to uphold the minor league body in the controversy.

The ruling of the national commission, which it is supposed will be final, ends one of the most famous minor league cases in the history of the national game, and one that has attracted country-wide attention.

Rock Island was one of the charter members of the Three Eye league and one of the best cities in the circuit as far as attendance was concerned. Interest in the national game simmered

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here in 1910 and the old ball promoters decided to dispose of their holdings. A new company sought to regain the franchise in 1911, but was unsuccessful, the franchise being awarded to Decatur, and since that time, with the exception of one week in 1914, Rock Island has been without professional ball.

#### Egan Pays Visit.

No interest being shown here to apply for a Three Eye franchise Ned Egan brought his Burlington Central association club to Rock Island in July in 1914. The team, a tallender, played six games here before ordered out, winning all of them. The attendance at that time averaged close to 1,000 a day.

At the annual meeting of the National Association of Minor leagues in Omaha the same year the Rock Island case came up before that body. President Tanager of the Three Eye league, after some controversy, made a statement which became a matter of record, to the effect that if he did not place a team in here by the end of 1915 all rights to the territory would be relinquished by him. As he was president of the circuit in question, with full power to act, the statement was entered on the minutes by the secretary. When Tanager failed to place the team in Rock Island by the end of last season President Justice of the Central association wired Secretary Farrell reserving the territory and paying the fee necessary to make the deal binding.

In the meantime local followers of the game, headed by Pete Lister, formed a Three Eye baseball club in Rock Island, subscribed for stock, elected officers and applied to President Tanager for a franchise.

At the 1915 meeting of the National Association of Minor leagues in San Francisco, last November, the matter was again brought up. Tanager's statements at Omaha, then on the minutes, were ratified and made a part of the records of the association and the matter was referred to the board of arbitration. A committee consisting of Tom Chivington, president of the American association, Charles Moll, president of the Northern league, and Dr. C. E. Carson of South Bend, Ind., was appointed to make a visit to Rock Island to get first hand information on the case. The committee visited

Rock Island in January and several weeks later ruled Rock Island Central Association territory. President Tanager immediately got busy and protested to the national commission, that the five-mile limit rule be upheld, with the above results.

#### Plans for Season.

It is now expected that President Justice will turn to Fort Dodge or DuBuque to take up Keokuk's franchise. The long delayed midwinter meeting of the Three Eye league will probably be held in Moline next week, at which time preparations will be made for the opening of the season, with Rock Island back in the fold as the much sought eighth city.

### J. FRANKLIN BAKER HAS A MASHED HAND

Annapolis, Md., March 3.—J. Franklin Baker, mighty home run hitter, visited Annapolis yesterday and spent some time at St. John's college, where he talked to Coach Johnny Wilson and some of the basketball players and watched the students practice. He exhibited a mashed right hand, which will prevent him from being very active around the diamond for some time.

The index and middle fingers on Baker's right hand were badly mashed and the whole hand was swathed in bandages. He explained that a heavy log fell on his hand a few days ago while he was with some friends on his place near Trappe. It was done while Baker was skylarking with several of his friends around a woodpile. One of them accidentally brought a heavy piece of wood down on Baker's hand.

### CHI PIN EXPERTS TO ROLL EASTERN STARS

Chicago, March 3.—Chicago representatives in the two-man bowling match between New York and this city will leave tonight for the east, where the first half of the match will be rolled on March 6, 7 and 8. Those in the party are Jimmy Bloor and Tony Karlicek, players, and Pete Howley, manager. The eastern rollers are Glen Riddell and Jimmy Smith. Seven games will be played each night in New York on the Grand Central alleys.

### RUGBY FOOTBALL IS POPULAR WITH JAPS

New York, March 3.—While football is popular in Japan, the association game and not the intercollegiate form of the sport is what interests the athletes of the land of Nippon. There are a large number of Japanese who have been graduated from English or American colleges and returned to the land of their birth so that both soccer and American football the familiar games. When it comes to indulging in the sport, however, the association contest is the one that finds favor.

In China soccer is also growing in popularity. Two of President Yuan Shi-kai's sons, Yuan Ko-chuan and Yuan Ko-chi, are enthusiastic football players and members of a team recently organized at the palace which at present is playing a series of games with a team from the Peking club. Yuan Ko-chuan is President Yuan Shi-kai's fifth son, and Yuan Ko-chi is his seventh son. The older is about 20 and the other several years younger. Both have been at school for several years in England, where they acquired their first training in football.

#### Hubby Must Learn to Swim.

Cincinnati, March 3.—Miss Goldie Quitman, Cincinnati's champion girl swimmer and diver, will be married to Ben T. Sax of Benton Harbor, Mich., in June. The announcement of the coming wedding was made yesterday. The husband-to-be cannot swim and Miss Quitman has promised him that she will teach him the art of swimming after they are married.

Miss Quitman is a daughter of a Cincinnati business man. The honeymoon will be spent at Benton Harbor, where Sax will take his swimming lessons.

## TOLEDO PIN MEET SETS NEW RECORD

Seven Hundred Fifty-Six Teams Entered in A. B. C. Tourney Opens Tomorrow

Toledo, Ohio, March 3.—With an entry list totalling 756 five-men teams, 2,753 two-men teams and 1,540 individuals, the 16th international tournament of the American Bowling Congress opens tomorrow night. The prize list approximates \$22,500.

Bowlers from every section of the United States and parts of Canada are entered. They come from as far east as New Haven, Conn., and Newark, N. J., from as far south as Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tenn., from as far west as Denver and from Montreal in the north.

Toledo has contributed 220 five-men teams, the last individual entry of any city in the history of the organization with the exception of that from Chicago in 1912. Chicago is sending 78 five-men teams; Detroit, 60; Cleveland, 43; and other cities are contributing from two to 29 teams each.

The Barry-Kettlers of Chicago champion five-men team of 1915, again is entered, bowling under the name of the Commodore Barry's. The New Haven club, winner of the world's title in 1914, also will roll in the tourney.

W. H. Pierce of Pueblo, Col., individual champion of 1915, and holder of the A. B. C. record of 711 pins, will defend his title this year. The Allen brothers of Detroit, winners of the two-men events at Peoria last year are returning.

The present tournament is the greatest ever held by the A. B. C., in the number of entrants. Prior to this year 596 five-men teams, the number entered in the 1912 tourney at Chicago, was the largest.

Grand Rapids is the choice of officials for the 1917 tournament although Buffalo, Dayton and South Bend will be bidders.

Those familiar with bowling politics think that William Agnew of Cleveland, second vice president, probably will succeed Edward J. Ryan of Detroit as president of the organization. Frank L. Padeloup of Chicago, treasurer and A. L. Langtry, of Milwaukee thus far are without opposition for reelection.

### ON COUNTY RECORDS

#### Warranty Deeds.

James T. Hanner to Thomas E. Hughes, lot 6, block 5, Old Town, Rock Island, \$3,700.

Myron E. and James S. Forbes to Genevieve Rose, lot 9, block 2, Atkinson Park, Moline, \$4,000.

Margaret H. Dunlap et al to William R. Carother, E. ½ N. W. ¼ Sec. 4-16-3w.

Otto Asker and wife to Herman J. Zeuk, lot 11, block 7, Forrest Hill 2nd addition, Moline, \$700.

Nettie E. Ege and husband to Ralph J. McDonald, lot 18, block 2, Black Hawk 4th addition, Rock Island, \$1.

Elizabeth Houldsworth and husband to Albert W. Langhorne, W. ½ S. W. ¼ Sec. 17-2w, \$1.

William R. and Marguerite Wells to Charles H. Langman, part lot 32, Guyers addition, Rock Island, \$1.

Banner Coal & Coal Oil Co. to Frederick Peterson, tract S. W. ¼ Sec. 35-17-1w, \$400.

Ann E. Hibbard to Edward Deken and William J. Kennedy, lot 9, Ann E. Hibbard's 1st addition, Moline, \$900.

Carl E. Swanson to Ella M. Botchell, part lot 3, block 2, Healey's Sub. Div., Moline, \$4,000.

Celesta Verplaatse to Claus and Alma Peterson, part lots 5 and 6, block 1, Odum Alday's 2nd addition, Moline, \$1.

James B. Eckhart to Albert Hofer, tract in Sec. 33 and 34, township 17-3w, \$1.

## CONTRAST IN DOGS AT NEW YORK SHOW



### "Rosemary" (top) and "Boy Blue."

"Rosemary," a tiny two-pound Mexican Chihuahua, is the smallest dog in the Westminster Kennel Club dog show now in progress at Madison Square garden, New York. "Boy Blue" is a huge St. Bernard and the largest dog in the exhibition. He weighs 203 pounds and is owned by Jacob Rupert, the owner of the New York Yankees.

## EVER HAMMER BEATS JOE WELLING IN GO

Kenosha, Wis., March 3.—Ever Hammer gained the popular decision over Joe Welling in a 10-round bout here last night. Hammer had a margin in six rounds, one went to Welling and three were even.

#### German Evangelicals Win.

The German Evangelical Juniors added another victory to their already long string on the basketball floor last night at the German Evangelical church gym, defeating the B. V. D. of Detroit by a score of 27 to 10. Moltzen and Pating were again the stars of the Junior team. The lineup of the winners follows: Moltzen and Behn, forwards; Vogt, center; Pating and Schmidt, guards.

#### Taste a Guide to Health.

Modern investigation has shown that no article of food is good for a person if he dislikes it. If a child has practically a fixed notion that he does not like eggs they will do him no good and may do him harm. Only serious results can follow from coercing a child into eating food which he dislikes.—Professor M. V. O'Shea in Mother's Magazine.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

## MOLINE MAT BOUT ATTRACTING FANS

Earl Caddock and Frank Harty, Two of Best Heavyweights, to Meet in Finish Go Tonight.

"Rasslin" bugs of the tri-cities will gather tonight at the Family theatre in Moline to witness one of the first real bouts in the vicinity this year, when Frank Harty, 230-pound westerner, will trade holds with Earl Caddock, 185-pound protégé of Gene Melady, Omaha promoter. The match is scheduled to go to a finish, best two falls out of three, catch-as-catch can rules to prevail. Caddock is touted as one of the best heavyweight grapplers that ever graduated from the amateur ranks and he has been paid a tribute by Martin Delaney of Chicago as being square and clean. Bill Houghkuff claims that Caddock is so good that Joe Stecher of scissors fame is side-stepping the lad at the present moment. Caddock is conceded to be the fastest of the two, but Harty has 45 pounds in weight to his advantage, and a fast, clean go is predicted.

Several corking preliminaries have been arranged by "Cully" Adolphson of the Olympic Athletic club, which is staging the meeting, among them being an eight-round boxing exhibition between "Fat" Smith, gridiron hero of Rock Island, and "Pete Sox" Peterson of Moline. The program will be started promptly at 8 o'clock.

## JIM MATURO LOSES TO RALPH GREENLEAF

Chicago, March 3.—Ralph Greenleaf, the 16-year-old sensation from Monmouth, Ill., again proved his class when, in a matinee game yesterday in the world's championship pocket billiard tournament at the Inter Ocean building, he defeated James Maturo of Chicago, formerly of Denver, 100 to 73, in 22 innings. Greenleaf's high run was 18, while Maturo's best was 28. It was Maturo's third straight defeat.

The boy beat the Italian much like he beat Champion Bennie Allen Monday evening, opening up a good lead early in the fray and maintaining it by excellent shot making and careful safety play. In neither the Allen nor Maturo game did the youngster display the nervousness and impatience he revealed in his tilt with Ed Ralph Tuesday night, when he lost. As it is, he has won two games and lost one and has an excellent chance of finishing well up among the leaders.

#### Arrive for Big Track Meet.

New York, March 3.—Athletic teams and officials of athletic organizations in most of the leading colleges and universities of the east are gathering here today to take part in the annual convention of the intercollegiate association of amateur athletes of America or the annual indoor meet of the association, both of which are to be held tomorrow.

## EDELWEISS FIVE AGAIN TAKES THE LEAD IN LEAGUE

Martin Team Falls Before Onslaught of Mueller's Crew at the Hastings Bowling Alleys.

### CUBS AND THE WICHMEN CLING

Cross Country Win Big End of Series From Harms' Blackhawks Lose Two Games.

#### Tri-City Standing.

	P.	W.	L.	Per.
Edelweiss	63	40	23	.634
FitzGibbons	63	29	24	.541
Cross Country	60	24	26	.481
Blackhawks	60	23	27	.460
Cubs	63	29	24	.541
Harms	60	26	24	.520
Martins	60	23	37	.383
Outings	63	22	41	.349

The Edelweiss team slid back into the lead in the Tri-City Bowling league last night, taking three games of the Martins of Davenport at the Hastings alleys, in rather easy style. Mueller's men started out with a rush, totalling 1929 in the opener, when Johnson and Bleuer counted 225 apiece and the Kitty 224. Strangely enough, Kitty led the entire team with a 635 count. At the Island City alleys the Cubs took two from the Outings of Davenport, dropping the final tilt. Renaud did the heavy work for the Cubs, running over 200 in two of his games. As a result of the victory Clemann's crew passed the Harms team in the league race. The Cross Country took three from the Harms team at the Harms alleys and are now in third place, passing the Blackhawks. Joe Wich did stellar work for the winners, counting 164, 247 and 215, for a 626 total. The FitzGibbon five of Moline took two out of three from the Blackhawks at the Blackhawk alleys in Davenport, but neglected to turn in his figures. The scores:

#### At Hastings Alleys.

MARTINS.			
Krabbenhoft	189	140	144
Crow	165	177	178
Van Driel	189	159	179
Lohmiller	152	128	200
Crandsall	151	158	159

#### Totals

Edelweiss	846	762	846
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#### At Island City Alleys.

OUTINGS.			
Schmidt	173	156	198
Bettendorf	190	143	148
Nobis	161	154	164
Brownlie	158	180	188
Burmeister	153	152	153

#### Totals

Edelweiss	835	815	883
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#### At the Harms Alleys.

HARMS.			
Jenson	195	158	208
Mason	155	147	181
A. Harms	170	162	165
Newman	138	145	...
L. Harms	177	165	139
Heltman	...	...	153

#### Totals

Edelweiss	835	807	827
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#### CROSS COUNTRY.

Lindberg	158	139	204
Joe Wich	164	247	215
Graham	177	156	180
Johnson	185	157	170
Herman Wich	159	148	194

#### Totals

Edelweiss	841	847	963
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#### HANS WAGNER AT 42 IS FIRST TO TRAIN

Although Honus Wagner is one of the oldest of the active professional baseball clan, having just celebrated his 42nd birthday, he is still making records. With three other members of the Pittsburgh team he claims to be the first to start training for the 1916 season. Late last month, during a thaw spell, Wagner met outfielder Hinchman, pitcher Manaux and Manager Callahan at the club office. The spring-like weather caused the talk to turn toward baseball play and the upshot was that the quartet slipped out to Forbes field and indulged in a short session in batting and throwing. Wagner states that this is the earliest date that he has ever began training in his many years in the big leagues.

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